Can LEPs Deliver Sustainable Growth?

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UK Government's independent advisor on SD since 2000

- Advocacy
- Capability Building
- Scrutiny

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Securing the Future

"The goal of SD is to enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life, without compromising the quality of life of future generations"

UK Sustainable Development strategy (2005)

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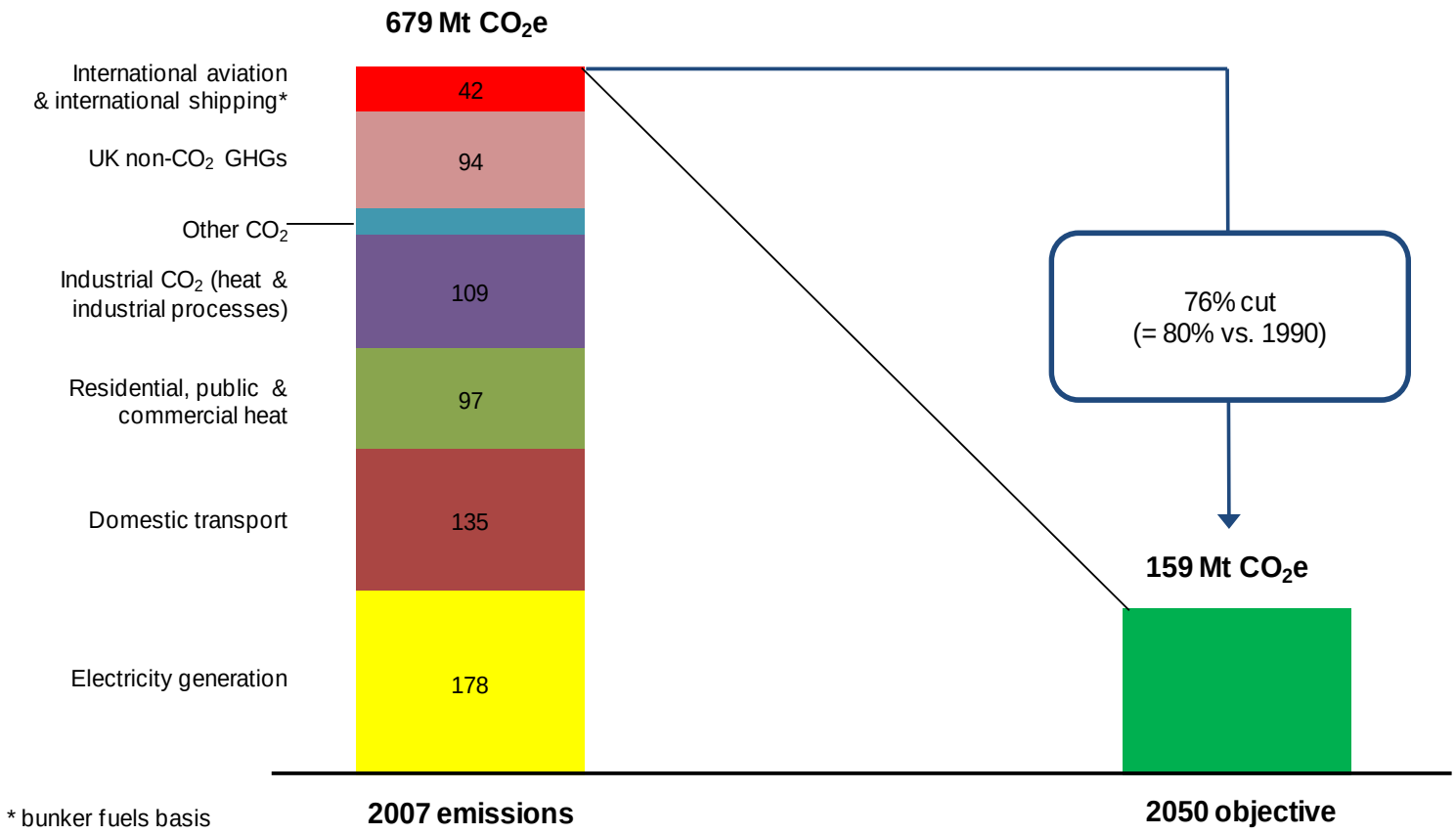
Principles of SD

- Living within environmental limits
- Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society
- Achieving a sustainable economy
- Using sound science responsibly
- Promoting good governance

The Climate Change Act



* bunker fuels basis

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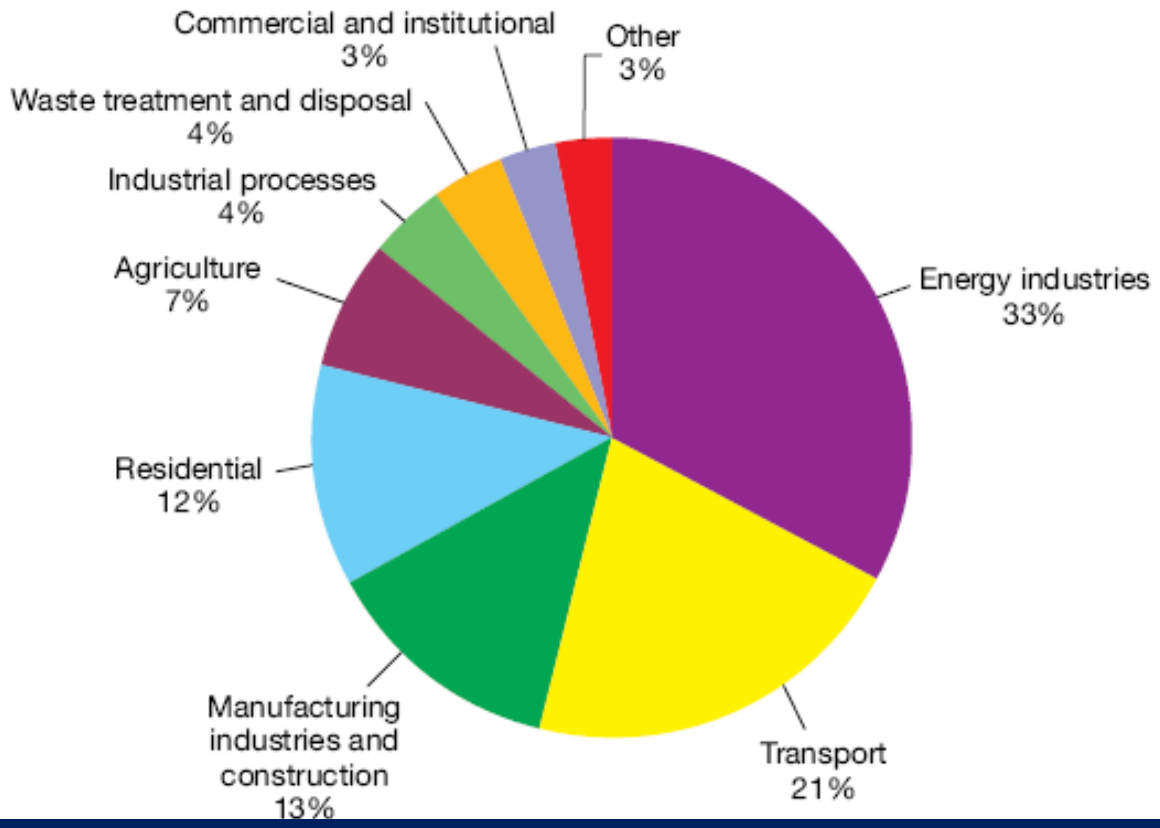
UK domestic greenhouse gas emissions



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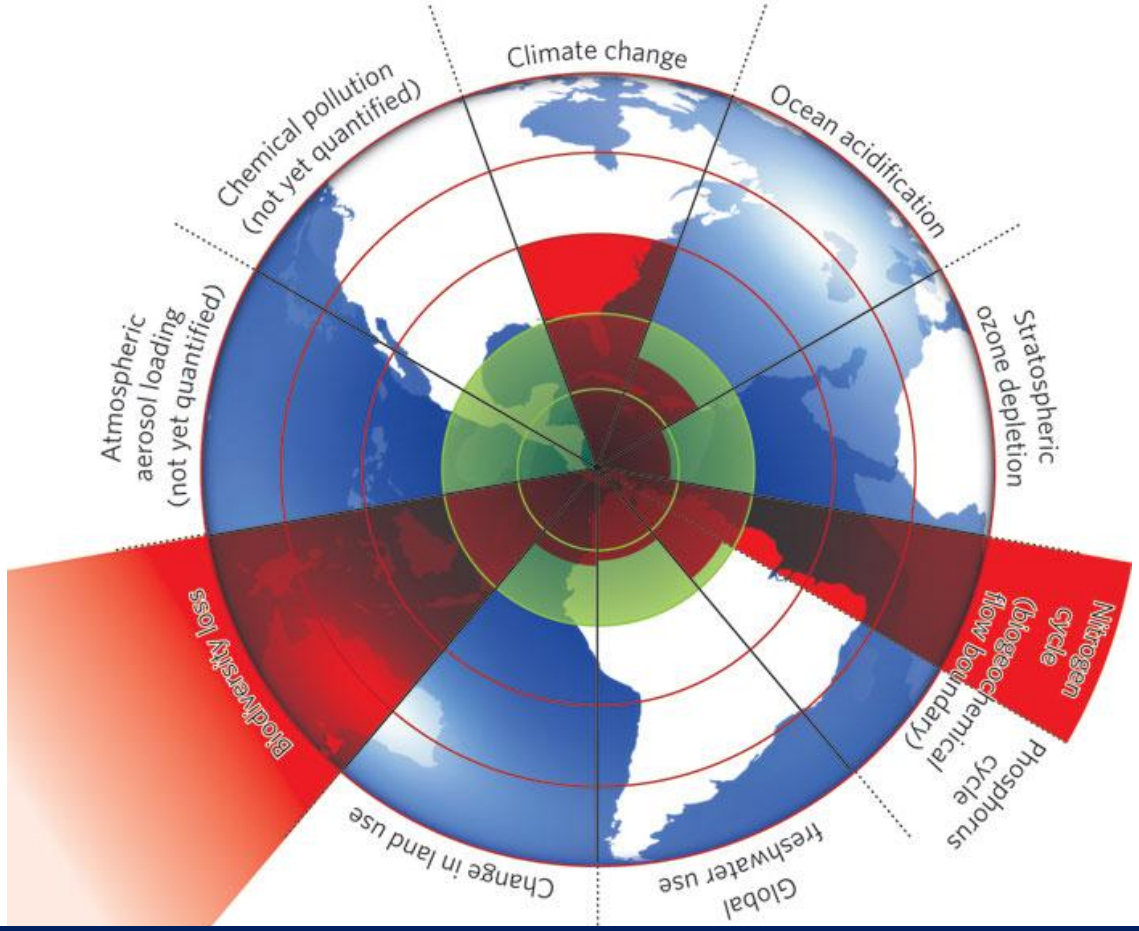
It’s not just carbon!



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The Coalition Programme

- Support sustainable growth and enterprise
- Implement the Sustainable Communities Act
- Incentives for LAs to deliver SD
- Make our economy more environmentally sustainable
- Presumption in favour of SD in planning

Integration

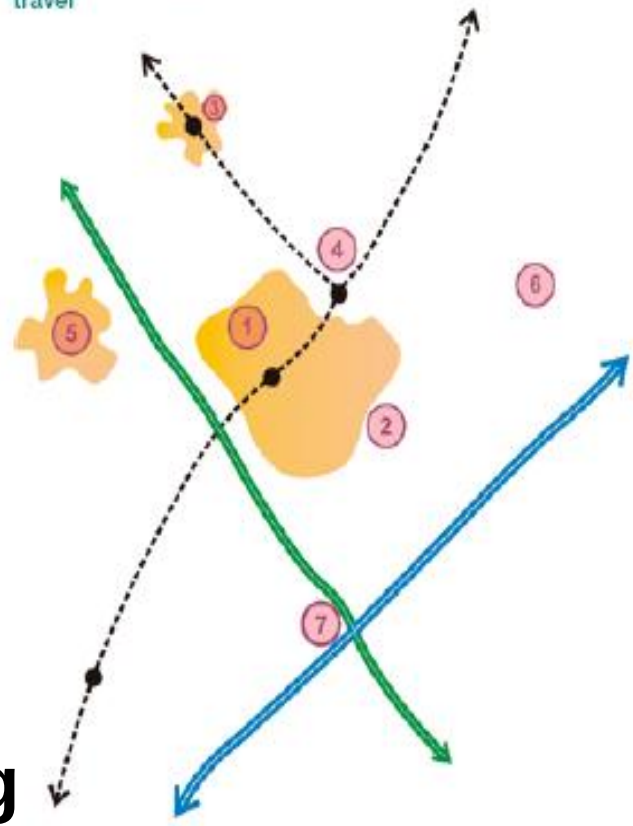
Outlining the actions that build a sustainable development approach to:

- **Policies** you produce or deliver
- Your **people** and the people you work with
- Goods and services which you **procure**
- the **operations** which you manage

Demand Reduction - Planning

1. **Settlement size**
2. **Strategic location** (in existing centres or linked to public transport)
3. **Strategic transport networks** (integrate transport and urban planning, develop public transport links)

Figure 8: Strategic development location and travel



www.plan4sustainabletravel.org

Demand Reduction

- **Teleworking, videoconferencing, etc**
- **Online shopping, banking, service interaction**
- **Home entertainment substituting for public entertainment**

Major opportunities to reduce CO2 here

Some non-carbon sustainability downsides

Efficient Use of Road Space

Infrastructure

Seoul Municipal Government

Hurdles

- **Boundaries**
- **Integration**
- **Language**
- **Leadership**

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